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In re Application of: ROBERT W. BROCIA

Serial No.: 09/005,711 Group Art Unit: 1643

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For: METHOD TO DETERMINE THE ACTIVITY OF AN ENZYME

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

I declare that

1. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application.
2. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,770,355, the patent cited in the instant Office Action.
3. Therefore, the inventive entities of the instant application and of U.S. Patent No. 5,770,355 are the same.
4. I declare further that all statements made in this Declaration of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: Apr. 11, 2001


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